



# Public Libraries and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP): A Winning Partnership



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# SFSP Logo



# The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

Is a federal program that provides free, healthy Summer meals for children and teens at eligible sites.

In 2018, 75 public libraries in KY were SFSP sites.





# Who is eligible for SFSP?

**Children and teens **18 years and under.****

**\*A person 19 - 21 years who has a mental or physical disability and still participates in a school program is eligible.**



# What is a SFSP site?

A site is the **physical location** where children and teens eat.

A site must be in an **eligible area**.

*(50% or more of the children living in the area must be eligible for free or reduced meals.)*

Check **Qualifying Data** on the KDE SFSP website. )

**Most** areas in Kentucky are eligible.

There were **2,572** KY SFSP sites in 2018!



# At an eligible site:

**ALL** children and teens eat a healthy meal for **free!**



No sign ups or financial checks.



Libraries receive the meals for **FREE** from a sponsor. ***Most school districts are sponsors.***



# What is Countywide Eligibility?

**For these counties, a site will qualify for SFSP anywhere in the county.**

**MOST counties in Kentucky are countywide eligible.**

*Is your county countywide eligible (CWE)?*



## County Wide Eligibility 2017

Adair County  
Allen County  
Ballard County  
Barren County  
Bath County  
Bell County  
Bourbon County  
Boyd County  
Bracken County  
Breathitt County  
Breckinridge County  
Butler County

Graves County  
Grayson County  
Green County  
Greenup County  
Hancock County  
Harlan County  
Harrison County  
Hart County  
Henderson County  
Henry County  
Hickman County  
Hopkins County

McCreary County  
McLean County  
Meade County  
Menifee County  
Mercer County  
Metcalf County  
Monroe County  
Montgomery County  
Morgan County  
Muhlenberg County  
Nelson County  
Nicholas County

continued

## continued County Wide Eligibility 2017

Caldwell County  
Carlisle County  
Carroll County  
Carter County  
Casey County  
Christian County  
Clark County  
Clay County  
Clinton County  
Crittenden County  
Cumberland County  
Edmonson County  
Elliott County  
Estill County  
Fleming County  
Floyd County  
Franklin County  
Fulton County  
Gallatin County  
Garrard County  
Grant County

Jackson County  
Jessamine County  
Johnson County  
Knott County  
Knox County  
Larue County  
Laurel County  
Lawrence County  
Lee County  
Leslie County  
Letcher County  
Lewis County  
Lincoln County  
Livingston County  
Logan County  
Lyon County  
Magoffin County  
Marion County  
Marshall County  
Martin County  
Mason County

Ohio County  
Owen County  
Owsley County  
Pendleton County  
Perry County  
Powell County  
Pulaski County  
Robertson County  
Rockcastle County  
Rowan County  
Russell County  
Shelby County  
Simpson County  
Taylor County  
Todd County  
Trigg County  
Trimble County  
Union County  
Washington County  
Wayne County  
Webster County  
Whitley County  
Wolfe County

# Examples of Sites





# Why do we do this work?





# Summer meals benefit children.

**A meal plus enrichment-** provides nutritious food plus access to books, reading activities and computers

Fights the dreaded **Summer Slide**.



**Social interaction** and less time in front of the **TV**.







# Public libraries, leading the fight against summer learning loss!

***Summer Meal sites at public library sites nourish children's minds and bodies.***



# Summer meals benefit libraries.

Children who are well nourished are more **ready to read** and retain information.

**Draws new patrons** and an opportunity to educate families about other library services

Creates and **strengthens community partnerships**

**Great PR** for the library